

Sept. 7, 1945.

Mr. K. B. Warner,
General Manager,
American Radio Relay League,
58 La Salle Road,
West Hartford 7, Conn.

Dear Ken,

I wish to bring to your attention something that hit me quite by surprise last night at the first meeting of the MRAC for the 1945-46 season.

In giving a resume' of the club's activities for the past year, I also mentioned some statistics, among which was the fact that only one half of our membership, according to my records, were members of ARRL and subscribed to QST. Knowing that practically everyone got QST, I was just about to give a sales talk, that as a MRAC member they would receive the benefit of club rates and they should become members to support and help ARRL rather than buy QST from the newsstands. When lo and behold, several spoke up, "Oh, we get QST at club rates - we just write in and say that we are a member of the MRAC."

I was astounded - here the MRAC, an ARRL affiliate since 1919, having a duly elected secretary to take care of just such matters - and any Tom, Dick and Harry can write in, and by merely stating that he is a member of the MRAC, be it true or not, gets club privileges, and the ARRL just takes it for granted. This no doubt has been going on for years.

One of the incentives to join our club has been the advantage of club rates for QST and that the secretary would take care of all the details. The ARRL is in no position to know whether a ham is a MRAC member in good standing. Our secretary and treasurer check weekly as to the members' status and it surprises even us how many old timers become delinquent.

I would suggest, if I may be so free, that only renewals and new membership-subscriptions, at club rates, be recognized by ARRL if sent in by the secretary of the club or a duly authorized officer. Club stationery is not sufficient to make it official. We always have and will keep headquarters informed as to the changes in officers.

Will you kindly give this matter your attention as it seems that both ARRL and MRAC have been "gypped" by someone's oversight.

With kindest personal greetings, I remain with

Erwin W. Kreis W9HRM, Secretary MRAC